Boston, March 10th 1834.

Dear Bro. Wright,

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Please to say to the Executive committee of the American Anti Slavery Society, that I do hereby most cheerfully accept their appointment & devote myself to the cause of the enslaved & oppressed. I presented my request for a dismission from my present charge to the church on Friday & it was granted. Of course the members of the Society will concur. I shall probably be at the service of the Committee after the first Sab. in April. In the mean time I wait for their commission & instructions.

On the 22. inst. I go to Waltham to lecture on the subject, & shall endeavor to have them take a collection for the Society.

And now, dear brother, it is a stormy sea, that I am launching out upon, but if I know my own heart, I do it at God's bidding, & in his strength, — persuaded that the same God, who bids me go, will enable me to ride out the storms in safety. God grant, dear brother, that we, & all who labor with us, may have the wisdom of the serpent, & the harmlessness of the dove, & under God, be the means of speedily striking off the fetters, from two millions of immortal souls.

A vote was passed the other evening at a business meeting of the N. E. A. S. S. to take measures for the calling of a New England convention — opening an office — employing an agent &c (See Liberator) — Will you state to me in a few words the views & wishes of the Ex. Com. of the Amer. Society in regard to the kind of organization it is desirable to have throughout the country. Is it best to have each State Society directly auxiliary to the American, or say, a N. Eng. Soc. for New Eng. & the State & other [redacted] local Societies auxiliary

to that? What are the views of the Committee in regard to a N. Eng. agency? & so of the other sections of country. I ask this with reference to the proposed convention, should it be called. It is all important that abolitionists throughout the country understand each other, both in respect to the principles & plan of organization. There is a prodigious prejudice unwarranted it is true, against the New England Society, so much so, that perhaps it would be impossible to organize the Anti Slavery sentiment of New Eng. under its banner. Indeed Maine has refused already as you know to act as auxiliary. Some instructions & advice in relation to this matter, are much needed.

There is an Anti Slavery Meeting at the Masonic Temple this evening & at the same time a Col. Meeting at Park St. I think that I shall attend the meeting at Park St. & see which way the wind blows. I rejoice that colonizationists are resolved on holding on to the fragments of their Babel. It will relieve us from the danger of having men unsound in the faith, crowding themselves into our ranks. Principle is every thing & if our organization is not sound in principle throughout, we are down. Let me hear from you & the committee as soon as convenient & believe me as ever,

Your affect^te brother

A. A. Phelps.